

REMARKS:

It is noted that the Examiner required applicant to elect between the following species:

Specie 1. Figures 1-5, 7 and 8

Specie 2. Fig. 6

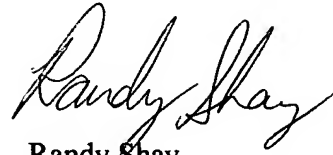
Specie 3. Figures 9 and 10

Specie 4. Figure 11

While Applicant agrees with the Examiner's breakdown of Species 1, 2, and 3, a close review of the application will show that the paragraph that describes Figure 11 (which the Examiner has listed as Specie 4) states that in "any of the above cited embodiments of the present invention, second yoke 46 may further include a hard plastic or rubber sheathed metal tongue 54 (Fig. 11)". Therefore, Applicant disagrees that Figure 11 depicts a fourth species, as stated in the election requirement, but, in fact, Fig. 11 merely shows an additional feature that is optionally included in any of the first three species set forth in the election requirement.

Applicant hereby elects with traverse Specie 3, Figures 9 and 10, in combination with the tongue of Figure 11. The claims readable on the elected embodiment are claims 1-6, 10-13, 15-16, and 18 read on the elected species 3 (Figures 9 and 10) in combination with the tongue of Figure 11.

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